



State of California
Department of Fish and Game
Ocean Salmon Project - Marine Region



2005 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations (Effective May 1, 2005)

Humbug Mtn (OR) to Horse Mtn (CA):

- May 21 - July 4; August 14 - September 11
- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 24 inches total length (TL)
- Klamath Control Zone closed in August
(12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)

Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

- February 12 – July 10; July 16-17;
- July 23 – November 13
- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 20 inches TL

Point Arena to Pigeon Point:

- April 2 - November 13
- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 20 inches TL

Pigeon Point to U.S.-Mexico Border:

- April 2 – September 25
- 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
- minimum size limit: 20 inches TL



General Sport Regulations

- **NO RETENTION OF COHO SALMON OR STEELHEAD TROUT IN ANY OCEAN RECREATIONAL FISHERY**
- **Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05.** No sinkers or weights exceeding 4 lbs may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line & the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked.
- **Ocean Boat Limits:** Each angler aboard a vessel may continue to fish until the boat limit (combined daily bag limits of all anglers) has been attained. Once the vessel reaches shore, individual daily bag limits will apply. Charter boat operator(s) and crew members may not take fish that apply towards the boat limit of their passengers, but they may take fish for their individual bag limits provided their fish are kept separate from the passenger's fish.
- **North of Pt. Conception:** No more than 2 single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used & no more than 1 rod per angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat or floating device with salmon on board.
- **Horse Mt. to Pt. Conception:** If fishing with bait and angling by any other means than TROLLING¹, no more than two (2) single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks² shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five (5) inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied).

NOTE: These special gear restrictions apply to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

1. *TROLLING is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.*
2. *A CIRCLE HOOK is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle.*

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